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1. AT MY REQUEST, HAFIZULLAH AMIN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER, MET ME THIS MORNING, JUNE 29. I
REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR ELIOT'S AND MY DISCUSSION WITH
HIM ON JUNE 12 RE UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S PROPOSED
VISIT, AND SAID WE NOW HAD THE UNDER SECRETARY'S PROPOSED
ITINERARY. THIS WOULD BRING HIM TO KABUL ON JULY 13 FOR JUST ONE
OVERNIGHT, AND THAT MR. NEWSOM WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON CHAIRMAN
TARAKI AND MINISTER AMIN. IF IT WERE ALSO APPROPRIATE
TO DO SO, I SAID, MR. NEWSOM WOULD BE PLEASED TO CALL
ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BABRAK AS WELL, BUT WE

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WOULD BE GUIDED IN THIS BY THE GOVERNMENT'S WISHES.
THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD MR. NEWSOM
WAS NOW DEFINITELY COMING HERE AND THAT HE, AMIN,
WOULD CERTAINLY BE AVAILABLE TO SEE HIM, AND PROBABLY
CHAIRMAN TARAKI WOULD BE AS WELL. HE SAID HE WOULD GET IN
TOUCH WITH CHAIRMAN TARAKI AND LET ME KNOW ON SATURDAY,
JULY 1, WHO ALL MR. NEWSOM SHOULD SEE DURING HIS STOP-

OVER. (I AM ALMOST SURE THAT BABRAK WILL NOT BE ONE OF THESE.)

2. PENDING MY NEXT MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW THAT THE TIMING OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE IS VERY TIGHT. IF THE ARIANA AFGHAN AIR LINES FLIGHT FG-309 FROM DELHI IS ON TIME (THE ONLY FLIGHT THAT DAY), MR. NEWSOM WILL ARRIVE IN KABUL AT 1500 HOURS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PLANE IS OFTEN LATE, ALTHOUGH ITS ON-TIME PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN BETTER SINCE THE APRIL 27 REVOLTUION. (WE WILL BE CHECKING TO SEE WHETHER TODAY'S SAME FLIGHT IS ONE TIME.) EVEN IF, ON JULY 13, IT ARRIVES AS SCHEDULED AT 1500 HOURS, THAT WILL ALLOW VERY LITTLE TIME FOR AN INITIAL MEETING AT THE EMBASSY FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS. CONCEIVABLY, THERE WILL ONLY BE TIME FOR ONE SUCH LATTER MEETING, SINCE IT WOULD PROBABLY BE UNWISE, IN LIGHT OF FLIGHT UNCERTANTIES, TO SCHEDULE ANYTHING BEFORE 1700 HOURS AT THE EARLIEST.

3. WE WOULC LIKE TO REMIND THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY WILL BE ARRIVING HERE OVER HE AFGHAN THURSDAY-FRIDAY WEEKEND. GOVERNMENT OFFICERS CLOSE ON THURSDAYS AT 1400 HOURS. HENCE, MR. NEWSOM'S CALLS WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN THE MIDST OF THE WEEKEND HOLIDAY. IF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S FLIGHT IS VERY
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DELAYED, I PLAN TO SUGGEST, AS A FALL-BACK OPTION, THAT HE HOLD ONE OF HIS APPOINTMENTS THE NEXT MORNING BEFORE PROCEEDING OVERLAND TO PESHAWAR. I WILL RAISE TTIS ALTERNATIVE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN WHEN WE NEXT MEET. SUCH AN APPOINTMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, CUT INTO THE ONE FREE DAY AFGHAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE. (FYI: FRIDAY IS THE AFGHAN MUSLIM SABBATH.)

4. UNTIL I HEAR FURTHER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER AHIN ON SATURDAY, JULY 1, I SEE LITTLE ADVANTAGE TO PROPOSING NOW A SCHEDULE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY DURING HIS VERY SHORT STAY HERE. I WILL DO SO AFTER I NEXT SEE THE MINISTER.

5. ON HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ONE NIGHT, JULY 13, WE DO NOT YET HAVE AN ARRIVAL DATE FOR AMBASSADOR DUBS. SHOULD HE BE HERE BEFORE THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT, I WOULD ASSUME THE AMBASSADOR WOULD WANT THE UNDERSECRETARY AND HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO STAY WITH HIM AT THE RESIDENCE. IF AMBASSADOR DUBS IS NOT HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO MR. NEZSOM AND HIS AIDE TO STAY IN MY ADJOINING TWO-BEDROOM GUEST

HOUSE, WHICH IS COMFORTABLY FURNISHED. ALTERNATIVELY,
THE UNDER SECRETARY AND MR. FORBES COULD STAY AT THE
HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL, BUT I THINK THEIR STAYING WIO
MY WIFE AND ME WOULD PROVE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THEM AND
JUST AS COODORTABLE.

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